

EXAMINING CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES

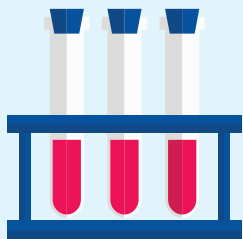
A REVIEW BY THE HEALTHCARE FRAUD PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP (HFPP)



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READ THE HFPP'S ANALYSIS ON LABORATORY FRAUD AND PREVENTION TOOLS:

The purpose of the HFPP's latest paper is to summarize the common issues and challenges associated with laboratory services fraud and abuse. The HFPP does this by describing:



- Laboratory services in a way that highlights the service vulnerabilities susceptible to fraud and abuse
- Systemic challenges that can enable fraud and abuse
- Specific types of potential fraud or abuse that have been identified by HFPP Partner organizations

CHALLENGES FOR DETECTING FRAUD AND ABUSE

This paper identifies several systemic challenges that can lead to the potential for fraud and abuse in clinical laboratory services, including the:

- Number and variability of laboratories
- High-volume, low-dollar nature of ordering, providing, and billing for clinical laboratory services
- Technical complexity and continuing evolution of clinical laboratory services

EVERYBODY PAYS THE PRICE OF FRAUD

While the true cost of laboratory fraud, waste, and abuse is unknown, it can negatively impact patient care and outcomes, cause financial harm to legitimate service providers, and drive up the cost of care for all.

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